(b) if so, details of the agreement entered into between India and the European Space Agency;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ISRO is also planning to launch its own satellites for augmenting the navigational signals received from GALLILEO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Inputs for Satellite Navigation Programme

2030. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the major objectives of the Satellite Navigation apart from indigenous capability in Space;

(b) whether GAGAN, taken up by ISRO, in cooperation with the AAI has been a part of the Satellite Navigation System;

(c) whether the technological inputs required for conducting the Satellite Navigation Programme are all indigenously developed or are being procured from other countries of the world; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The major objective of the satellite navigation programme is to provide accurate position and velocity data using signals received from navigation satellites for users like aviation, road and rail transport, sea going vessels etc. The satellite based augmentation system called GAGAN taken up by ISRO in cooperation with the Airports Authority of India is a part of the overall strategy for improving the accuracy of Global Positioning System (GPS) based satellite navigation services over the Indian region.

(c) and (d) While onboard segment and necessary software for GAGAN are indigenously developed, equipment for the ground segment is imported.

Monitoring of MPLADS

2031. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to make MPLADS more strict and effective, leaving little scope for any deviation;

(b) if so, whether Government have called for any meeting in this regard with various States;

(c) if so, the details of the discussions and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether Government have also launched electronic monitoring of MPLADS;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government have distributed softwares to each State and district administration for the purpose; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) MPLAD Scheme has been functioning very effectively. However, with a view to bring in more financial accountability, some changes for release of funds under MPLADS have been made. These include submission of Utilization Certificate for the previous financial year and the Audit Certificate for the funds released for each MP in the year prior to the previous year furnished by District Authority.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A meeting of State Secretaries of Nodal Departments was held on 11.07.2005 and the implementation of the Scheme was reviewed. The subjects of discussion were on the following;

(i) Expeditious implementation of works under MPLADS and utilization of unspent balance lying with the District Authorities;